Demolition of double storey quarters in Mata Sundari Road and Mirdard Road

4952. SHRI C.O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of money was spent recently on Government quarters situated at Mirdard Road and Mata Sundari Road, New Delhi for their repair/maintenance, like boundary walls, iron gates and other repair works;

(b) whether the life of the above quarters have increased due to these repairs;

(c) if so, the durability of these quarters;

(d) whether there is any proposal for demolition of these double storey quarters at Mata Sundari Road and Mirdard Road;

(e) if so, whether it would not result in huged wastage of money; and

(f) whether Government are considering to avoid this huge wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction of Rs. 4,83,100/- was given during the year 2000 for construction of a boundary wall for security reasons. The boundary wall has been constructed. Only routine maintenance/repair is being carried out in these quarters.

(b) No, Sir. Only routine maintenance to keep the quarter in habitable condition has been carried out.

(c) These quarters were constructed in 1955. The life span of the quarters is expected to be 55 years approximately.

(d) Yes, Sir. There are 48 double storey quarters at Mirdard Road and 32 double storey quarters at Mata Sundari Road. A proposal for demolition of 32 quarters at Mata Sundari Road is being considered for redevelopment of Minto Road Area.

(e) No, Sir. A policy decision has been taken by the Government to redevelop this area making full use of Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for construction of Government housing.

(f) Does not arise in view of (a) to (e) above.